

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A storage space comprising:

a wine rack configured to be at least partially recessed in a wall and including a wine cradle configured to store a wine bottle with a stopper in contact with a stored wine.

- 2. The storage space of claim 1 wherein the wine rack comprises an enclosure.
- 3. The storage space of claim 2 wherein the enclosure comprises a side wall.
- 4. The storage space of claim 3 wherein at least one of the side walls defines a fastener hole.
 - 5. The storage space of claim 3 wherein the side wall supports the wine cradle.
 - 6. The storage space of claim 3 wherein the enclosure comprises a second side wall.
- 7. The storage space of claim 6 wherein the side walls are spaced apart to substantially traverse a distance separating opposing faces of wall studs.
- 8. The storage space of claim 7 wherein the side wall are spaced apart to substantially traverse one of a 37 cm distance and a 57 cm distance.
 - 9. The storage space of claim 1 wherein the wine rack is of unitary construction.
- 10. The storage space of claim 1 wherein the wine rack further comprises a cover positionable over a wine bottle stored in the wine cradle.
 - 11. The storage space of claim 10 wherein cover is one of translucent and opaque.
 - 12. The storage space of claim 10 wherein cover comprises a vertically hinged door.



- 13. The storage space of claim 1 wherein the wine cradle is configured to store a wine bottle substantially horizontally.
- 14. The storage space of claim 1 wherein the wine cradle defines a depression dimensioned to support the wine bottle without rolling.
- 15. The storage space of claim 14 further comprising a pair of spaced apart, substantially parallel rods, wherein the depression is defined between the pair of rods.
- 16. The storage space of claim 1 wherein the wine rack further comprises a lip extending laterally outward from a front of the wine rack.
- 17. The storage space of claim 1 wherein the wine rack further comprises a means for exchanging heat.
- 18. The storage space of claim 17 wherein the means for exchanging heat comprises a cooler.
- 18. The storage space of claim 17 wherein the means for exchanging heat comprises a forced fluid system.
- 19. The storage space of claim 17 wherein the means for exchanging heat is disposed at a rear, recessed portion of the wine rack.

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- 20. A house comprising the wine rack of claim 1.
- 21. A storage space comprising a bottle rack configured to be at least partially recessed in a wall.
- 22. A storage space comprising a bottle rack configured to be at least partially recessed in a wall, the bottle rack being of unitary construction.



23. A wine rack comprising:

a housing adapted for mounting at least partially into a building wall, the housing including a rear wall joined to a forwardly projecting top wall, bottom wall, and pair of side walls to define a forwardly open interior chamber;

a wine cradle configured to store a wine bottle having a cork in contact with a stored wine, the wine cradle positioned generally within the housing; and

a lip extending laterally outward from the top wall, bottom wall, and side walls.

24. The wine rack of claim 23 further comprising:

a door hingedly mounted onto the housing for swinging movement between positions covering the interior chamber and exposing the interior chamber.

25. A storage space comprising a means for storing a bottle at least partially recessed in a wall.

- 26. The storage space of claim 25 wherein the means for storing further comprises a means for cradling a bottle having a stopper in contact with a stored liquid.
- 27. The storage space of claim 25 further comprising a means for covering the bottle in the means for storing.

28. A method comprising storing a bottle in a bottle rack at least partially recessed in a wall.

- 29. The method of claim 28 further comprising storing a wine bottle in the bottle rack with a cork in contact with a wine in the wine bottle.
- 30. The method of claim 28 further comprising mounting the bottle rack to a wall stud forming the wall.

